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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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TAGS: CASC, DR

SUBJECT: CASC, DENIAL OF ADMISSION TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

FOR SCS

1. A GROUP OF DEVOTEES TO HARA KRISHNA ARRIVED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ABOUT JULY APPARENTLY WITH THE PURPOSE OF FOUNDING A TEMPLE. THEY HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SOME PUBLICITY BUT HAVE AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY KNOWS NOT CAUSED ANY PROBLEM OR BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY PUBLIC CRITICISM.

2. THIS MORNING THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY PHONE BY U.S. CITIZEN JOHN GILBAKIAN (SPIRITUAL NAME JAGA GIVEN) THAT HE HAD BEEN STOPPED BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT LAST NIGHT, THAT HE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO A JAIL IN SANTO DOMINGO WHERE HE SPEND THE NIGHT AND THAT HE HAD BEEN RETURNED TO THE AIRPORT FOR DEPORTATION TO PUERTO RICO. HE STATED THAT NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN FOR THIS TREATMENT AND THAT HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A VALID U.S. PASSPORT, ROUND TRIP TICK AND TWO OR THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS. AS IS USUALLY TRUE OF MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION HIS HEAD IS SHAVED AND HE WEARS A SAFFRON ROBE.

3. UPON INQUIRY EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY MR. SAFIT CHAHIN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, THAT ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY A QUOTE HIGH AUTHORITY UNQUOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE KRISHNA GROUP NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. MR. CHAHIN WAS NOT AWARE OF WHY THIS ORDER WAS GIVEN. MR. GILBAKIAN WAS INFORMED OF THE REASON FOR HIS DENIAL OF ADMISSION. HE STATED THAT

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HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE TEMPLE IN PUERTO RICO, AND THAT

HE WOULD CONSIDER WHAT STEPS TO TAKE IN PROTEST OF THE DOMINICAN
GOVERNMENT'S ACTION.
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